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Heroism.-The real hero is the spiritual hero, the man not afraid to do right. Christ, in such a view, must forever remain the brightest example of earthly heroism.—Rev. W. A. Gard-ner, Christian Church, Ban Francisco. "And still you got even with her." "Oh, yes, I showed her the respect

due to age." As pitliess as errant worlds might crush together does woman meet up with woman,-Detroit Tribune.

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A PEAST OF LANTERNS. Unique Festival on a Sacred Island One drowsy noon the town trier came

to the door, clapped two pieces of wood together, and in a long chant besought all people of Miyajima to come to the temple for "speak meeting" at two ceeding days, to hear read the official news from the army in Corea. We sent our agent to listen for us, and our erratic and only Inudzuka returned breathless, to tell, in excited Japanese, English and jargon, of the victory of the Heijo. We had intended to make a farewell offering to the temple to secure an illumination as a fitting close to our stay in Arcadia, and here was an opportunity. In the shortest time 1258.ClarkStreet, Inudaua was speeding back to the temple to beseech the high priest to have the thousand oil saucers of the lanterns filled at once, the illumination to begin at dusk, without waiting for the mid-

night high tide.
The priests shook their heads & such an irregularity, such a disergard of ancient customs on short notice. "But this is an American matsuri, and in honor of the Heljo! How can you say you have any custom for such an illu-mination? And when did you ever illuminate at any tide for a battle won in Corea?" And the high priest said, Surely, surely! Yes; for Beikoku (America) and the Heljo we can do it." And the circle of engle-eyed, excited priests sprang delightedly to begin

preparations. Our joyous sendo was at the temple steps with the sampan as usual before the sunset hour, and he had not pushed off until he let us know that the village was agog at the double news of victory and the honorable illumination. We could see the lay brothers all along shore filling the oil saucers, laying wicks, and pasting fresh papers on the tall stone lamps; and when we sculled back, long after sunset, lights had begun to twinkle under the temple eaves. A lantern came forth and went bobbing along the water-line, stopped a mo-ment, and a second light shone forth, then a third and a fourth, and so on along shore, as the lamplighter went

his way. and the temple was a great set piece of pyramids of votive candles. The spectacle lasted in full splendor for more than an hour, the villagers flocking along shore, trooping through the temple galleries, and drifting about in boats to watch the splendid spectacle. Then lights dropped out here and there, and the glow of the rising moon made the firmament pale; but even when the shore line was lost in darkness, Itsukushima's inner shrine by the sea was still aglow with votive lights.

The next morning the village officers called "to thank your spirit" in celebrating Japan's victories; the high priest sent sacred gift papers filled with rice, and asked for the honorable names in full, that they might be written among the temple's contributors; and when we American matauri. Wooks later a Tokio artist wrote in his quaint little idiom that he had heard of my "favorably presenting a great deal of money to the temple, praying for the war, and lighted the thousand lamps of Miyajima for the war. I seen it in our Japanese newspapers." Surely never did one obta'n so much pleasure and glory by an ex-penditure of four yen (two dollars in United States gold).—Century.

CHINESE EDUCATION.

The Standard Has Changed but Little in Two Thousand Years.

They have no conception of learning as understood in the West-of mathematics, chemistry, geology or kindred sciences, and of universal history. Inleed, they have a very imperfect knowledge of geography. Their curriculum of study embraces the Chinese classics and philosophy (a voluminous compilation, especially holding in eminence the teachings of Confucius), the theory of government, and Chinese poetry and istory. It is the standard fixed two housand years ago, and has undergone ittle change in the succeeding cen-

highest officers in the empire, in which they canvassed their respective sys-Homer, Virgil or Shakspeare; knew something of Alexander having crossed ington or other modern soldiers; and matics or the modern sciences. When the American minister expressed surrise at these defects in Chinese education, the mandarin replied: "That is your civilization, and you learn it; we have ours, and we learn it. For centuries we have gone on satisfied to know what we know. Why should we care to know what you know?"

Yet it must be conceded that Chinese scholars and officials are usually men of decided intellectual ability, and they cannot be set down as uneducated because they have not followed the curriculum of study marked out by European civilization. It is a source of natural pride that they possess a literature and philosophy older than any sim-ilar learning of the West, and which even at this day are not obsolete, but exercises an elevating moral and intellectual influence on a vast multitude of the human family.

But no one of his race more than Li Hung Chang recognizes the defects of the national system of education. Largely through his influence, the Emperor has established at Peking a college with a full faculty of foreign professors for the instruction of chosen Chinese youths in the European languages and modern sciences, with a view to training them for the diplomatle service. So he has also established at Tientsin, for the last twenty-five



The Earl of Lovelace, a direct deendant of the poet, is to edit a new dition of Byron.

Henry Norman's long-heralded valme, "The Near East," is not to aypear until autumn.

Sweden appears to be a good country for newspaper men. The Storthing has voted two State grants of 1,000 kroner each to enable young journalists to get foreign experience, and all editors are bereafter to have free use of the railways when traveling in the exercise of their profession.

R. D. Blackmore, whose novel, "Dariel," is expected to commence in Blackwood's this autumn, is one of the oldest living English novelists, baving just passed his 71st birthday. George Macdonald is one year in advance of this, but his nearest younger rival in this matter is George Meredith, who confesses to 08 years.

William Le Queux bitterly resent. the action of an American publishing house in pirating one of his early novels, "Guilty Bonds," and announcing it as the latest work of the author. This sort of robbery not only injures the author but also prejudices the sale of his really latest work by an honest American publisher, who respects the laws of copyright and of decency.

Kenneth Grahame, the clever delineator of child life and character, says be left Scotland at the age of 7, carrying with him a kilt and a Scotch accent. "The latter," he adds, "I imprudently took with me to boarding school, but after being severely kicked for it, I concluded it was a luxury I could not afford to keep up. The kilt I cherished secretly for years, till I discovered that my legs came to far through for English prejudices."

The inveterate insularity of that liter ary thunderer, the London Athenaeum, has never been more strikingly exhibit-Soon the whole curving bay from ed than in its review of F. Hopkinson headland to headland was outlined in Smith's "Tom Grogan," which it exliving lights that gleamed double and | hausts the dictionary of academic bilwavered in long reflections toward us; lingsgate in denouncing as vacuous rubbish. The London Literary World, fireworks, each shrine a sun goddess' on the other hand, calls it a strong and glowing cave, with the many-jeweled original story, entertaining from cover to cover-a verdict which American. readers confirm by their purchases. Last month "Tom Grogan" was second only to Richard Harding Davis' "Cinderella" in the number of copies sold in Chicago.

Berved Him Right.

The other evening four ladies going eastwards entered a 'bus near the bank, onys London Answers. There were only three vacant seats. A gentleman instantly rose to allow the fourth lady to sit down. An elderly over-dressed man sitting close to the door began tocomplain that the 'bus was overcrowded, and pestered the conductor with ill-

natured remarks. The conductor, having collected all went to the village every one bowed fares from those inside, went to look and made pretty speeches about the after outside passengers. Seeing this, tain the services of a policeman, for the purpose of removing the thirteenth passenger. Presently he returned with an officer of the law. The constable carefully counted the passengers and declined to interfere, as the number was

not in excess of that allowed. The man, hearing this, became very ingry, and getting again into the 'bus, called out:

"I'ra the thirteenth, constable; I'm

he thirteenth.' "In that case," quietly replied the constable, "you must get out, as the 'bus is licensed to carry only twelve inside."

And, in spite of the man's remonstrances, he was removed, amid roars of laughter from the other passengers.

Servant Girls in Australia. Many good things come out of Ausralia besides systems of voting and kangaroo skins for boots. All servant girls will certainly think so if the plans. now being laid in that country arebrought to success and hence to adoption by the world. It is proposed tocall domestic servants "household employes," and to arrange for their having meals in the dining-room by themselves at regulated hours. No more One of our diplomatic representatives talk of "the girl" will be allowed, and tells of a conversation had with one of Bridget will no longer "snatch a bite the most distinguished scholars and and a sup" from the pan in which the eggs for master's breakfast are poaching. Better still, "household employes" tems of education; and he reports that will not be at the beck and call of the ais Chinese friend had never heard of mistress. There will two shifts of employes, one to work from 6 a. m. until 2 p. m., the other from 2 p. m. to 8 the Indus, had a vague knowledge of or 9 p. m. It would seem as if both Caesar and Napoleon, but none what- Biddy and "Missus" would enjoy such ever of Hannibal, Peter the Great, Wel- an arrangement, if only some plan could be made for curing the morning girl he was ignorant of astronomy, mathe- of what would probably become a propensity on her part to save up all the disagreeable work for the afternoon girl to do. Girls will be girls, even when they are "household employes." -Boston Home Journal.

> Working in High Buildings. Some of the men who spend half a dozen hours or more a day in rooms on top floors of sky-scraping office buildings are talking about a new ailment that they allege is the result of doing business so far from the ground.

"I never was troubled with headaches or dizziness," said one of these men. "until I moved into my present offices. Then I noticed that about an hour after I had settled down to business my head would feel heavy, and at times I would be slightly dizzy. These feelings, on certain days, increased the longer I remained in my office, and half an hour after I had descended to the street they would disappear. Several other men who are on the top floors of big office buildings have complained of similar symptoms, and on comparison we have ome to the conclusion that they were produced by the same causes. Possibly the fact that the air is slightly more rarified at the altitude at which we work may account for this feeling of uneasiness."—New York Sun.

The Toothpick Industry. years his vice-regal residence, schools for military, naval and medical education, manned by European instructors; and his example has been followed by picks, and about 7,500,000 are turned out daily. In Harbor Springs, Mich., there is a large and flourishing wood toothplek-industry. White birch is exclusively